FEB 1 3 2004 In re Approcation of:

Docket No. 03500.015758.

Masanobu ASAOKA, et al.

Examiner: Brian Gordon

Application No.: 09/944,071

Group Art Unit: 1743

Filed: September 4, 2001

For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE-

FORMING METHOD USING
THE SAME AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING SUCH
RECORDING MEDIUM

February 13, 2004

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 24 | MINUS | 24 | - 0 | x \$9 \$18 | \$ 0.00 | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 2 | MINUS | 3 | = 0 | x \$43 \$86 | \$ 0.00 | |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145°/\$290 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$ 0.00 | |

| | °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. |
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| | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. |
| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed. |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. |
| X | Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. |
| | Respectfully submitted, |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks: